

NEW CERTIFICATEEES

BREEDINGS AND SPORTS AT NELSON GROW.

Second seedling and sport chrysanthemum... seen brought under the notice of the judges...

First-class certificate to Mrs. Merrick for pure white reflexed Japanese seedling...

Certificate of merit to Mrs. Merrick for semi-double loose petalled seedling...

Certificate of merit to Mr. Bert Tanker for canopy buff sport from Japanese...

Certificate of merit to Mr. W. H. Simpson for cream incurved sport from Japanese...

"Mr. A. T. Magnific" is after the Oregon type. The bloom which was awarded the certificate measured 9 1/2 inches across...

There are great possibilities in "Mrs. T. S. Merrick," as staged this year—the first. It was a grand bloom, 9 inches across, and perfect in symmetry...

The sports were not awarded first-class certificates, but only certificates of merit until they prove to be "fixed"...

THE INTRODUCTION OF SWEET PEAS INTO ENGLAND.

Great singers often say that they do not require to know anything about the anatomical structure of the vocal organs...

In the year 1859 there dwelt in Sicily a monk named Capani. In his spare time this holy man studied the flora of his beautiful island...

Well, such were the simple circumstances attending the introduction of the sweet pea into Great Britain. But the plant had already been mentioned in botanical works...

V. CUTHBERT RADDEN.

CORRESPONDENCE.

GROWING BULBS IN MOSS FIBRE.

Dear Veronica,—Will you kindly tell me if any kind of pot or vase would do for growing bulbs in moss fibre...

[Yes, almost any sort of pot or vase will do for growing bulbs in moss fibre, and there is no drainage. We do not know anything about the cost here of the special vases for this purpose...

As against the gasco, the Robinsonii varieties Queen of Spain and J. Bennett-Poe were much in evidence. Their beauty being quite a successful effect affording an excellent foil to the grandeur of their majestic brethren...

VERONICA.

Daffodil Notes from New South Wales.

The growth of daffodils in the coast district of New South Wales, though obtaining fairly satisfactory results, especially from the early blooming varieties...

During the early part of September I had the opportunity of repeating the pleasant experience of several past years by spending a charming week-end with Mr. Arthur Yates at his picturesque bulb farm at Exeter...

Mr. Yates is a large grower, and at present has about twelve acres under daffodils, holding large stocks of the standard varieties, together with a good choice kinds, comprising in all not fewer than 400 varieties...

is specially reserved for seed-testing. Facing through great branches of grape-branches by the hundred thousand, extensive beds of Emperor and Emperor Sir Watkin, and other standard varieties...

Among the Leodit varieties I was specially incited with Diana and her grand cup, beside which that of Archibald is best. White Queen was magnificent and well worthy of all her championships...

Of the incomparables I consider that Homespun stands alone as a model of balance and refinement, but Lesson Queen, seen for the first time, was perhaps the most noticeable, while Bobsy, Solitaire, Orange-man, Lucifer (with its splendid red cup), Larkwood and Lady Margaret Boncawen all had their own special attractions...

A propos of the tendency of Paris to appear in sport, it may be mentioned that it has given at least one sport in Sydney, which very closely resembles Lady Godiva. In the Parvi section the glowing cups of Firebrand, Orestes and Borealis made heads there very prominent...

While the older Poeticus forms are grown in large quantities at Exeter, many of the later creations, such as Homer, Horace, Chaucer, and Dante are now making a show and proving worthy representatives of a section which, in my opinion, embraces the gems of the Narcissus family.

A series of seedlings, most of them blooming for the first or second time, were to me of special interest; but as they represent the results of crosses made chiefly from the commoner varieties, great results cannot be looked for. Still, it was encouraging to find here and there seedlings of great promise...

cluding an exquisite pure white Parvi somewhat of the type of Borealis, which will certainly be a prize if it develops well. An Mr. Yates has of recent years been working exclusively from the best varieties, his many thousands of seedlings...

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